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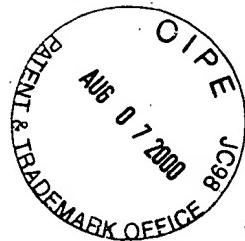
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

HANS BOEHRINGER et al.

Application No.: 08/812,616

Filed: March 6, 1997

For: QUANTITATIVE LATERAL
FLOW ASSAYS AND DEVICES

Art Unit: 1641

Examiner: C. Chin

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 24-52, 54-55, 64 and 82-119 without prejudice, and amend claims 1, 8, 10, 15, 23, 53, 56-63, 65-71, 73-81 and 120 as follows:

1 In claim 1, lines 8-9, after the words "complementary to", delete the words "or
2 analogous to".

1 In claim 8, line 2, delete the words "an ligand" and substitute therefore --a
2 ligand--.